

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 2014**



The meeting of October 6, 2014 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission at 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present:       Guadalupe Rosas Bojorquez  
                  Eric Hanks  
                  Pamela Bright-Moon  
                  Harold Karpman  
                  Bettina Korek  
                  Peter Lesnik  
                  Mattie McFadden-Lawson  
                  Araceli Ruano  
                  Alis Clausen Odenthal

Absent:        Betty Haagen  
                  Claudia Margolis  
                  Richard Montoya  
                  Laurel Karabian  
                  Ronald Rosen  
                  Hope Warschaw

Staff  
Present:       Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
                  Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
                  Sofia Klatzker, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
                  Adam Davis, Managing Director Ford Theaters  
                  Angela Gaspar-Milanovic, Professional Development Program Manager  
                  Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications and Marketing

Also  
Present:       Don Skeoch, Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board  
                  Mike McDowell, Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board  
                  Ciana Lee, Arts Intern  
                  Carlton Roberts, Arts Intern

President Ruano called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Karpman, the excused absences for the meeting of October 6, 2014 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Commissioner Karpman, seconded by Commissioner Korek, the minutes for the meeting of September 8, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Correspondence

Commissioner Karpman circulated three letters from OGP grantee recipients thanking the Board of Supervisors and the Arts Commission for grants received.

#### Presidents Items

President Ruano reported the Executive Committee met at 9:15 a.m. to review the Executive Director's key responsibilities and priorities for FY 14-15. Commissioners will receive an email with the redline changes discussed in the Executive Committee for additional recommendations by the full commission.

#### Update from the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board

Don Skeoch, Chief Marketing Officer, and Mike McDowell, Senior Director, Cultural Tourism, of the Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board, gave a presentation on tourism and branding initiatives for the Los Angeles region, key accomplishments, and future objectives.

#### Executive Director's Report

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, gave an update on the FY 14-15 supplemental budget and reported the following additional arts-related items were approved:

- Ford Theatre Foundation: \$28,552,750 for additional improvements.
- \$45K was also authorized for additional space for the Arts Commission
- California Community Foundation: \$8M to support the Eastside LA Arts Initiative
- La Plaza de Cultura y Artes: \$4M for programs and walkway improvements, as well as an annual \$1M increase to expand public programming
- Music Center: \$4.5 M to replace the annex building with a \$15M match to be supplied by Center Theatre Group. The Music Center also appears to be receiving \$250,000 for community programming for Grand Park.
- Natural History Museum: \$150K for archeological mitigation in Hancock Park and \$500K to initiate a building and site assessment for the Page Museum

The Music Center annex funding is part of \$41.8M allocated to fund various high priority capital projects.

Ms. Zucker announced Commissioners will be receiving an email with nomination forms for the 2015 grants and civic art panelist pools.

#### 2014 Arts Internship Program Report

Angela Gaspar-Milanovic, Professional Development Program Manager, presented the 2014 Arts Internship Program final report, shared a photo of the 2014 arts intern class, and gave an overview of some of the program statistics.

Carlton Roberts and Ciana Lee, 2014 arts interns, gave testimony about their experience in the program.

#### Ford Theatre Construction Update

Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions, reported the Board of Supervisors approved \$28,552,750 for additional Ford capital improvements on September 30, 2014.

Ms. Zucker gave a presentation and showed images of the construction which has begun and also images for future construction projects at the Ford should more funding be available.

#### Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of October 6, 2014 was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. in memory of Nati Cano, former leader of Mariachi los Camperos, who passed away on October 3, 2014, on motion by Commissioner Ruano, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, and unanimously approved.*